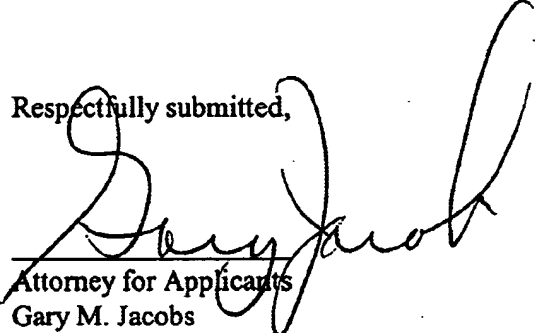


REMARKS

Claims 6, 8, 12, 14, and 16 have been amended to improve their form. Claims 1 and 8 are independent. Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

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